

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Office Action mailed on April 17, 2003. Prior to this Amendment, claims 24-62, 64-66, and 74-83 were pending in the application. Claims 24-62, 64-66, and 74-78 have been allowed. In the Office Action, Applicant was directed to cancel claims 79-83 and add claims 84 and 85 per Examiner's amendment. Applicant has done so in the amendment above. Applicant has also added claims 86-94. In adding these claims, Applicant has added no new matter. Support for these claims can be found in the specification and the originally filed claims. Claims 24-62, 64-66, 74-78, and 84-94 are now pending in the application.

In the amendment above, Applicant has numbered the claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.126, and Applicant has presented the claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173.

Applicant also submits herewith a Statement as to Loss of Original U.S. Patent No. 5,666,138, which issued on September 9, 1997. Applicant also submits herewith a supplemental reissue declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1).

All of the Examiner's objections have been addressed. Applicant submits that all pending claims, claims 24-62, 64-66, 74-78, and 84-94, are allowable. Applicant respectfully solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims.


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Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite the prosecution of the application, he is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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